

**BEFORE
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

In the Matter of the Application of The :
Ohio State University for a Certificate of : Case No. 19-1641-EL-BGN
Environmental Compatibility and Public :
Need for the Combined Heat and Power :
Facility Project in Franklin County, Ohio. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
Jason A. Cross
ON BEHALF OF STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF
OHIO POWER SITING DEPARTMENT**

Staff Exhibit _____

July 9, 2020

1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Jason A. Cross, and my business address is 180 East Broad
3 Street, 6th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
4

5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO”) as a
7 Utilities Specialist 3 in the GIS and Operations division of the Power Siting
8 Department.
9

10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

11 A. I received an Associate of Science degree in Electronics Engineering
12 Technology from ITT Technical Institute in 1993 and a Bachelor of Science
13 degree in Electronics Engineering Technology from DeVry University in
14 1998.
15

16 I have been employed by the PUCO for roughly nineteen years, from 2001
17 to present. While employed in the Power Siting Department, my
18 responsibilities at the PUCO have primarily involved engineering,
19 including, but not limited to, grid interconnection, Ohio’s bulk electric
20 system, and regional transmission organizations. I have been the staff
21 expert on grid interconnection related items in over one hundred staff
22 reports.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22

4. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB”)?

A. Yes. In addition, I have assisted in the preparation of multiple staff reports and investigations before the OPSB and the PUCO.

5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

A. I am sponsoring a portion of the Staff Report of Investigation (Staff Report). Specifically, I was a staff analyst for portions of the Staff Report pertaining to whether the Applicant has provided information that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability.

6. Q. Does this facility serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability?

A. The Applicant will interconnect to the University’s internal 13.8 kV distribution system and would not be integrating into the existing regional transmission grid.

7. Q. Were you responsible for any specific conditions in the Staff Report? If so, which ones?

1 A. Yes, condition 10. The proposed facility will be used to self-supply the
2 energy needs of The Ohio State University. The applicant will not be
3 exporting power to the local and regional electric system. If the Applicant
4 plans to export energy to the electric grid, they will need to amend their
5 application with the OPSB.

6
7 8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

8 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony
9 as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes available or
10 in response to positions taken by other parties.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the Prefiled Testimony of Jason A. Cross has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail, this 9th day of July 2020.

/s/ Thomas G. Lindgren

Thomas G. Lindgren

Assistant Attorney General

Parties of Record:

N. Trevor Alexander

Steven D. Lesser

Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP

1200 Huntington Center

41 South High Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

talexander@calfee.com

slesser@calfee.com

Counsel for The Ohio State University

Tony Mendoza

Senior Staff Attorney, Sierra Club

2101 Webster St., 13th Floor

Oakland, CA 94612

tony.mendoza@sierraclub.org

Richard C. Sahli

334 Evergreen Lane

Yreka, CA 96097

rsahliattorney@columbus.rr

Counsel for Sierra Club

Administrative Law Judge:

Sarah Parrot

Sarah.Parrot@puco.ohio.gov

This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on

7/9/2020 4:29:57 PM

in

Case No(s). 19-1641-EL-BGN

Summary: Testimony Prefiled Testimony of Jason A. Cross electronically filed by Mrs. Kimberly M Naeder on behalf of OPSB